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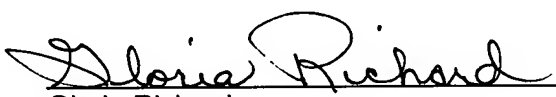
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Sir:

Enclosed are the following:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed 11 February 2005, Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims from Group I for examination, with traverse. As set out in the Detailed Action, Group I is directed to claims 1 - 5 and 12 - 38.

In the Detailed Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1 - 5 and 12 - 38 in class 188, subclass 67.
- II. Claims 6 - 11 in class 166, subclass 381.

The Commissioner may require restriction if two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in one application (35 U.S.C. § 121). In the present case, Applicant has several independent claims. Independent claim 1 is directed towards an apparatus for handling a tube or work string. Independent claim 6 is a method of running a workstring.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are clearly directed to a single general inventive concept under 37 C.F.R. § 1.141. Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirements be withdrawn and that claims 1 – 38 that are presently pending in this application be examined. Alternatively, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, with traverse. If it would aid in the disposition of this matter, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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